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one hundred and sixty-five species of North American ferns and sent home for determination sixteen new species.

For many years he had been vice-president of the Vermont Botanical Club, and it was indeed a treat to meet and to converse with this quiet, genial, unassuming man at the meetings of the Vermont Club. He was always ready and willing to show his specimens even to the uninitiated. His many friends throughout this country and Europe will regret to learn of his death.

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The field meeting at Hartford

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The meeting of Fern Society members announced in the April FERN JOURNAL took place on June 16, 17, and 18, when ten members from various parts of New England and New York met for field work in Hartford, Conn., and vicinity. The members who arrived at noon on the 16th were taken in charge by Mr. Henry Bigelow and conducted by steam and trolley to the forests of Plainville. Here a very brief exploration disclosed a list of twenty-five species of ferns, including *Dryopteris Goldiana*, which is rare in this region, *Botrychium simplex*, and *B. lanceolatum*. Here also were found three hybrids of *Dryopteris*.

On this trip a short call was made to inspect the fern garden at Mr. Bigelow's home, in New Britain, where such rare species as *Asplenium montanum*, *A. pinnatifidum*, *Scolopendrium vulgare*, and many others were seen growing vigorously. But most interesting of all was a remarkable plant of *Asplenium ebenoides* with several fronds nearly a foot long. Mr. Bigelow is evidently a master of the rather difficult art of making ferns grow.

On Saturday morning an early start was made for the shores of Farmington river, near Rainbow, under the guidance of Mr. C. H. Bissell and Mr. Bigelow. Other members of the party were Mrs. Orra P. Phelps, Miss Annie Lorenz, H. G. Rugg, R. C. Benedict, J. Francis Huss, and E. J. Winslow. The ground explored was a moist woodland along the river. Among the finds were a large number of plants of *Botrychium lanceolatum*, *Lycopodium obscurum* and the variety *dendroideum* growing near together and with some intermediate forms, a form of *L. complanatum* with second year growths starting from the tips of the branches, *L. inundatum*, a number of plants of *Dryopteris cristata* \times *marginalis*, and *Cystopteris bulbifera*.

The return to Hartford was made early enough for a visit to the fern garden on the Goodwin estate. This garden is one of the largest and finest in America and it is hopeless to attempt to describe it in a brief paper. There were all the species of ferns native to this part of the country whose presence could add anything to the beauty of the garden, including many rare forms and hybrids, also a large number of foreign species, and all the freak varieties of *Athyrium filix femina* about which we read in descriptions of English ferneries. Many of these species were to be seen in all stages of development from the prothallium. The visitors were especially enthusiastic over two plants of a strange *Osmunda*. These plants are apparently somewhat intermediate between *O. regalis* and *O. Claytoniana* but totally unlike any fern that had ever come within the experience of any of the party. Mr. Huss, who has charge of the garden, said that these plants were found growing wild near Hartford and had been growing in the garden several years. By the courtesy of Mr. Huss, one of the visiting members was allowed to take two fronds for more careful study

and we shall doubtless hear from it again. In the meantime it would be well to watch the *Osmundas*.

President Dowell arrived Saturday evening, and Sunday morning Dr. E. H. Thompson and Mr. Wm. B. Rossberg joined the party on a trip by trolley to a point in the town of Cromwell and thence on foot across country to East Berlin, a distance of three or four miles. The feature of this excursion was the finding of a great abundance of *Lygodium palmatum*. To those accustomed to regard this plant as a rarity, it was a cause of great surprise to find the young plants springing up in profusion over a territory of several acres in extent. This fern has the distinction of being a subject of legislation. Collecting it is forbidden by the laws of Connecticut.

Among the interesting flowering plants collected during the meeting were *Conopholis americana*, *Liparis liliifolia*, and *Viola emarginata*.

The success of the meeting was greatly enhanced by the efforts of Messrs. Bissell and Bigelow, who very faithfully looked after the welfare of the visiting members.

Aside from the interest that attached to the opportunity to see the several rare ferns visited, the most satisfactory feature of the meeting was the chance afforded those present to get acquainted with each other. Most all were only partly acquainted through correspondence, and the opportunity of getting together and talking over matters of mutual interest was very enjoyable. It is suggested that similar meetings be held in other sections of the country.

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